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ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2591

Introduced by Assembly Member Weber
(~~Coauthor:~~ Coauthors: Assembly Member Members Buchanan,
***Maienschein, and Skinner*)**
(Coauthor: Senator Hancock)

February 21, 2014

An act to add Chapter 6.1 (commencing with Section 13710) to Part 3 of Division 9 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to public social services.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2591, as amended, Weber. Homeless youth: basic material needs assistance.

Existing law establishes various public social services programs to provide protection, care, and assistance to the people of the state in need of those services, by providing appropriate aid and services to the needy and distressed. Existing law establishes homeless youth emergency service pilot projects in the Counties of Los Angeles, San Diego, Santa Clara, and San Francisco.

This bill would create the Homeless Youth Basic Material Needs Assistance ~~Program and would~~ *Program. This bill would* require that moneys appropriated by the Legislature for the purposes of the program be allocated proportionally ~~to counties~~ by the State Department of Social Services *to each county that elects to establish a program* based on the

number of homeless youth in the county, *which is* to be used to establish ~~a and operate the~~ program in the county. The bill would authorize a county to join with one or more other counties for the purpose of pooling their respective allocations and establishing a program for those ~~counties~~ and would also require the department to retain the moneys allocated to a county and establish a program for that county if a county elects not to establish a program or requests the department to administer its ~~program~~. *counties*. The bill would require each program to solicit proposals from and contract with nonprofit organizations for the purpose of providing basic material needs assistance to homeless youth in the county or counties as directed by the entity administering the program and would require contracted nonprofit organizations to consult with the children and family commission of the county or counties, as specified, if the entity administering the program elects to include homeless youth from birth to 5 years of age, inclusive, in its program. The bill would enact other related provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 6.1 (commencing with Section 13710)
2 is added to Part 3 of Division 9 of the Welfare and Institutions
3 Code, to read:

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5 CHAPTER 6.1. HOMELESS YOUTH BASIC MATERIAL NEEDS
6 ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
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8 13710. This chapter shall be known, and may be cited, as the
9 Homeless Youth Basic Material Needs Assistance Program.

10 13712. For purposes of this chapter, the following definitions
11 apply:

12 (a) "Administering entity" means one of the following:

13 (1) A county that elects to establish a program and does not join
14 with another county as described in subdivision ~~(e)~~ (b) of Section
15 13714.

16 ~~(2) The department, in the case of a county that elects not to~~
17 ~~establish a program or requests the department to administer its~~
18 ~~program.~~

19 (3)

1 (2) The counties that elect to establish a program jointly under
2 subdivision ~~(e)~~ (b) of Section 13714.

3 (b) “Basic material needs assistance” means school supplies,
4 dental supplies and other hygienic products, shoes, clothes,
5 blankets, and other basic material needs.

6 (c) “Department” means the State Department of Social
7 Services.

8 (d) “Homeless youth” has the same meaning as that term is
9 defined in Section ~~11302~~ 11434a of Title 42 of the United States
10 Code.

11 (e) “Nonprofit organization” means a nonprofit corporation
12 qualified to do business in California and qualified under Section
13 501(c)(3) of the federal Internal Revenue Code.

14 (f) “Program” means the Homeless Youth Basic Material Needs
15 Assistance Program.

16 13714. (a) From moneys appropriated by the Legislature for
17 the purpose of this chapter, the department shall allocate a
18 proportional amount to each county *that elects to establish a*
19 *program pursuant to this chapter* based on that county’s respective
20 number of homeless youth. The moneys allocated to the county
21 shall be used to establish *and operate* a Homeless Youth Basic
22 Material Needs Assistance Program for the county.

23 ~~(b) If a county elects not to establish a program or requests the~~
24 ~~department to administer its program, the department shall retain~~
25 ~~the moneys allocated to the county pursuant to subdivision (a) and~~
26 ~~shall directly administer a program for homeless youth in that~~
27 ~~county.~~

28 ~~(e)~~

29 (b) A county may join with one or more other counties for the
30 purpose of pooling the allocations made to the counties under this
31 section and establishing a Homeless Youth Basic Material Needs
32 Assistance Program for those counties.

33 13716. Each program established under this chapter shall do
34 all of the following:

35 (a) Solicit proposals from nonprofit organizations for the purpose
36 of providing basic material needs assistance to homeless youth in
37 the manner directed by the administering entity, subject to any
38 requirements imposed by this chapter.

39 (b) Contract with one or more nonprofit organizations to
40 participate in the program based on the proposals solicited under

1 subdivision (a). Selection shall be based on the nonprofit
2 organization's demonstrated ability to meet the goals of the
3 program, including, but not limited to, an ability to form
4 partnerships with local education agencies (LEAs).

5 (c) Require each nonprofit organization contracted under
6 subdivision (b) to do all of the following:

7 (1) Assist homeless youth through partnerships with LEAs,
8 which shall be formed to provide basic material needs assistance
9 to homeless youth.

10 (2) Give priority to providing school supplies and dental supplies
11 and other hygienic products to homeless youth.

12 (3) Consult with the children and family commission of the
13 county or counties served by the program to determine how to best
14 provide basic material needs assistance to homeless youth from
15 birth to 5 years of age, inclusive, if the administering entity elects
16 to include homeless youth of that age in its program.

17 (d) Encourage each nonprofit organization contracted under
18 subdivision (b) to do both of the following:

19 (1) Provide at least a 20-percent match for all moneys received
20 from the administering entity under this chapter.

21 (2) Work with the homeless liaison or liaisons of each LEA
22 pursuant to the federal Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance
23 Act (42 U.S.C. Sec. 11301 et seq.), *Section 11432(g)(1)(J)(ii) of*
24 *Title 42 of the United States Code*, or his, her, or their
25 LEA-employed designee.